

## Wild Birds at the Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo is home to many wild birds. Some are year-round residents or spend the spring and summer here raising their young. Others migrate through, using the Zoo as a safe resting stop on their journey.

We encourage you to stop, listen and watch for our winged neighbors.

## Project FeederWatch & Cornell University

November to April, Zoo docents and volunteers collect scientific data on the birds visiting our bird feeders for Cornell University.

Our data helps scientists monitor trends in bird population size, migration patterns, and the effects of wild fire, disease and introduced species on local wild birds.

You can become a citizen scientist and collect data on birds in your backyard, neighborhood or school by visiting the FeederWatch website:

[www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/)

### Wood Warblers cont'd

Townsend's warbler, *Dendroica townsendi*  
Common yellowthroat, *Geothlypis trichas*  
Wilson's warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla*

### Tanagers

Western tanager, *Piranga ludoviciana*

### Sparrows, Towhees and Allies

California towhee, *Pipilo crissalis* † \*  
Spotted towhee, *Pipilo maculatus* \*  
Savannah sparrow, *Passerella sandwichensis*  
Fox sparrow, *Passerella iliaca*  
Song sparrow, *Melospiza melodia* † \*  
Lincoln's sparrow, *Melospiza lincolnii*  
Dark-eyed junco, *Junco hyemalis*  
White-crowned sparrow,  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys* †  
White-throated sparrow,  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*

### Icterids

Red-winged blackbird, *Agelaius phoeniceus*  
Hooded oriole, *Icterus cucullatus*  
Bullock's oriole, *Icterus bullockii*  
Brewer's blackbird, *Buphagus cyanocephalus*  
Brown-headed cowbird, *Molothrus ater*

### Goldfinches and Allies

House finch, *Carpodacus mexicanus* † \*  
Lesser goldfinch, *Cardeulis psaltria* † \*  
American goldfinch, *Cardeulis tristis* †  
Pine siskin, *Carduelis pinus*  
Blackheaded grosbeak,  
*Pheucticus melanocephalus* \*

### Imported species

House sparrow, *Passer domesticus* (UK) †  
European starling, *Sturnus vulgaris*  
(Europe)  
Nutmeg mannikin, *Lonchura punctulata*  
Yellow-chevroned parakeet,  
*Brotogeris versicolurus chiriri*

# Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens



## Wild Bird List

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# Birds Seen at the Zoo

## Pelicans and cormorants

Double-crested cormorant,  
*Phalacrocorax auritus*

## Herons, Vultures and Allies

Great blue heron, *Ardea herodias*  
Great egret, *Ardea alba*  
Snowy egret, *Egretta thula*  
Green heron, *Butorides virescens*  
Turkey vulture, *Cathartes aura*

## Water Fowl

Canada goose, *Branta canadensis*  
Mallard, *Anas platyrhynchos* \*

## Hawks and falcons

Cooper's hawk, *Accipiter cooperii*  
Sharp-shinned hawk, *Accipiter striatus*  
Red-shouldered hawk, *Buteo lineatus* \*  
Red-tailed hawk, *Buteo jamaicensis* \*  
Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

## Shorebirds

Ring-billed gull, *Larus delawarensis*  
California gull, *Larus californicus*  
Western gull, *Larus occidentalis*

## Pigeons and Doves

Mourning dove, *Zenaida macroura* † \*  
Band-tailed pigeon, *Columba fasciata*

## Owls

Barn owl, *Tyto alba*  
Great horned owl, *Bubo virginianus* \*

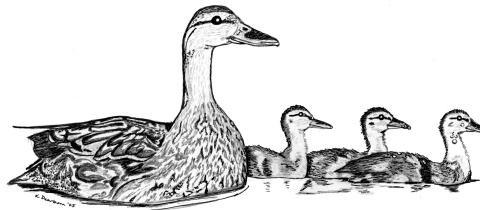
† **Birds You Are Most Likely to See  
in the Feeder area**

\* **Nesting in the Zoo**

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## Swifts and Hummingbirds

White-throated swift, *Aeronautes saxatalis*  
Vaux's swift, *Chaetura vauxi*  
Black-chinned hummingbird,  
*Archilochus alexandri*  
Anna's hummingbird, *Calypte anna* † \*  
Allen's hummingbird, *Selasphorus sasin* † \*  
Costa's hummingbird, *Calypte costae*  
Calliope hummingbird, *Stellula calliope*



## Woodpeckers and Allies

Acorn woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus*  
Nuttall's woodpecker, *Picoides nuttallii* \*  
Downy woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*  
Northern flicker, *Colaptes auratus*  
Red-breasted sapsucker, *Sphyrapicus ruber*

## Tyrant Flycatchers

Western wood peewee, *Cantopus sordidulus*  
Pacific-slope flycatcher, *Empidonax difficilis*  
Black phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans* † \*  
Ash-throated flycatcher,  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
Cassin's kingbird, *Tyrannus vociferans*  
Western kingbird, *Tyrannus verticalis*

## Vireos

Bell's vireo, *Vireo bellii* (rare)

## Jays, Magpies and Crows

Western scrub-jay, *Aphelocoma californica*  
American crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
Common raven, *Corvus corax* \*

## Swallows

Barn swallow, *Hirundo rustica*  
Cliff swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*  
Tree swallow, *Tachycineta bicolor*  
Northern rough-winged swallow,  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

## Titmice, Bushtits, and Nuthatches

Oak titmouse, *Baeolophus inornatus*  
Bushtit, *Pasaltriparus minimus* \*  
White-breasted nuthatch,  
*Sitta carolinensis*

## Wrens

Bewick's wren, *Thryomanes bewickii* \*  
House wren, *Troglodytes aedon*

## Wrentit

Wrentit, *Chamaea fasciata*

## Kinglets

Ruby-crowned kinglet, *regulus calendula*

## Thrushes and Allies

Western bluebird, *Sialia mexicana*  
Swainson's thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*  
Hermit thrush, *Catharus guttatus*  
American robin, *Turdus migratorius*

## Mockingbirds, Thrashers and Allies

Northern mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*

## Waxwings

Cedar waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum*

## Silky Flycatchers

Phainopepla, *Phainopepla nitens*

## Wood-Warblers

Orange-crowned warbler, *Vermivora celata*  
Nashville warbler, *Vermivora ruficapilla*  
Yellow warbler, *Dendroica petechia*  
Yellow-rumped warbler, *Dendroica coronata*  
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